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Ishikura is a Priest's son who has recently started working as a substitute teacher at a local high school. He finds out that Sakashita Subaru, a freshman, hates him for apparently no reason! Subaru, member of the Calligraphy Club, seems unable to forgive Sensei's indecent attitude towards women (and men). He keeps saying things like "Don't flirt, don't be lewd", but, in spite of it all, Ishikura starts feeling drawn by Subaru's tenderness ♥

This is the hysteric love story between a Sensei and a spoiled tsundere student ♥

His love is deepening little by little

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# [CHAPTER 1]

oops
Fall
Sensei do you like sweet foods?
ARE YOU ASKING BECAUSE VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING UP? ARE YOU PLANNING TO GIVE ME CHOCOLATES?
Huh? I still don't know if I'll give you any
Haha
Sasoo
Sk
step
HEY, WATCH YOUR FOOT!
Waah!

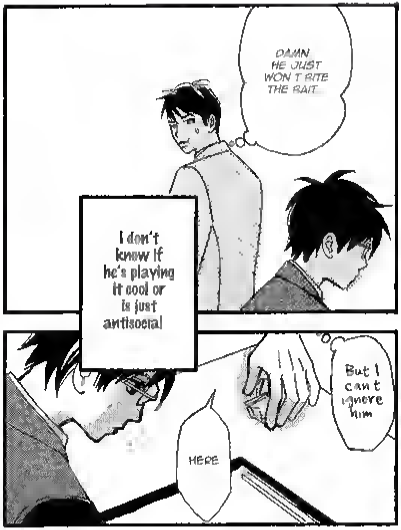
tram
ple
wrinkle
THANKS
Saka-
shita
Subaru
YOU RE
WELCOME
He stepped
on it even
more?

Actually,
YOU ARE SO YOUNG AND YET YOU DO NOTHING ALL DAY LONG!
I'd have preferred to spend more time doing nothing
STOP LAZING AROUND! SOMEDAY YOU'LL SUCCEED ME IN THE TEMPLE SO DON'T YOU BRING SHAME ON ME!
THEN I'LL GET A JOB AT A CONVENIENCE STORE
scratch
But thanks to my father, I got a post as a substitute high school teacher
SO YOU HELP YOUR FATHER DURING WEEKENDS
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
I just went with the flow of that ridiculous conversation.
THAT'S A REMARKABLE THING
OH, IT CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH YOUR WORK SENSEI!
That's nothing!
SO, YOU HAVE A CERTIFICATE IN CALLIGRAPHY?
THAT'S REALLY REMARKABLE!
JUST WHEN WE WERE IN NEED OF A CAPABLE CALLIGRAPHY TEACHER
SO YOU CAN START TEACHING ANY TIME ♡
That's the work!
BUT, I'M NOT SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE A CLASS SO SUDDENLY...
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SENSEI IS OLD AND HE HAS HEALTH ISSUES
BUT...
SO PREPARE YOURSELF YOU HAVE TIME UNTIL SUMMER VACATION IS OVER
I DON'T THINK I CAN!

But come September, I was covering the professor's post at this school.
So, I'm not sure if the decisive factor was my father's former friend's insistence or because I felt certain of my Calligraphy experience.
YES...
YOU'LL BE FINE I'M COUNTING ON YOU ♡
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...
GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING
MORNING
OF COURSE
PLEASE, LET YOUR FATHER KNOW SO HE CAN SAVE ME A SPOT ON HIS AGENDA.
HE'S THE TEMPLE'S SUCCESSOR AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
INSTEAD OF TAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO THE TEMPLE, YOU COULD ASK ISHIKURA-SENSEI TO GIVE IT A BLESSING RIGHT HERE
WOW, CONGRATU-LATIONS
I JUST GOT A NEW CAR!
SURE, COME TO US WHEN-EVER YOU WANT
YOU KNOW, WITH MY OLD ONE I HAD A LOT OF ACCIDENTS. THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO GO TO THE TEMPLE TO ASK FOR BLESSINGS FOR THIS NEW ONE
GOOD MORNING, ISHIKURA-SENSEI
GOOD MORNING

HA HA HA
Hey, that long silence was really offensive!
I-I'M BEING SERIOUS..
NO PROBLEM. I'LL LET YOU KNOW ONCE I TALKED IT OVER WITH MY FATHER
SURE THING. I CAN DO IT RIGHT AWAY
As the days go by, I'm getting more and more used to this job, and I get along with everybody.
Calligraphy Room
SENSEI! I WANT TO IMPROVE MY CALLIGRAPHY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
AHH. IF I'VE KNOWN THERE WAS CALLIGRAPHY COACHING I'D SIGN UP FOR THIS CLUB...
YOU CAN JOIN THE CLUB FROM NOW ON. THEN, I'D PERSONALLY COACH YOU BOTH
BUT EVERYONE HERE'S A FREAK!
KYA
OF COURSE NOT
KYA
OPEN
SAKASHITA

*Light teammates' text sounds like they're in a sports club but they're not*
TAKE A LOOK. HE'S REALLY CUTE AND LOOKS JUST LIKE HARRY POTTER
LOOK AT THIS BOY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB AND A FRESHMAN IF YOU GET IN YOU'LL HAVE FRIENDS LIKE HIM.
WHAT'S UP?
CLANK
UH
HI THERE
SAKASHITA, WOULDN'T IT BE A LOT MORE FUN IF WE GET NEW CLUB MEMBERS?
HM
WHATEVER
I just came for my book.
WE'RE ALL FREAKS AFTER ALL
Stay if you want to
He heard us
Saka-shita is
really trouble-some.
Despite all my efforts, he doesn't accept me
SNORE
Everyone laughs from my jokes but him
TSK
.. AND THAT'S IT ISN'T IT FUNNY?
HA HA HA


DAMN HE JUST WON'T BITE THE BAIT...
I don't know if he's playing it cool or is just antisocial
But I can't ignore him
HERE

YOU GUYS WANT CANDY ?
I want one
Me too
Like fishes to the fodder...

AM
SL
reach
eat

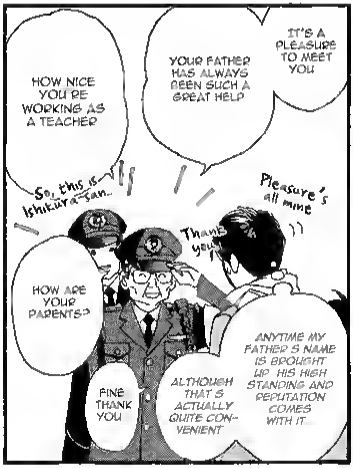
I've got him!
TOK!
HA HA HA
WOW, SO HE'S CUTE WHEN HE SMILES SO CASUALLY
THEN, IF HE'S WITH FRIENDS HE HAS NO PROBLEMS BEHAVING LIKE A NORMAL KID
COULD IT BE THAT HE HATES ADULTS?
SHOCK
smile
YES
SAKASHITA HOW ARE YOU? EVERYTHING OKAY?

Ugh... Sakashita's icy stare really freaks me out
stare
SENSEI, YOU CAN'T SAY SUCH THINGS!
IF I SAY I DON'T, WOULD YOU DATE ME?
SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
KYAA
RIGHT, THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T ASK!
WHAT?
IF I SAY I DO, WOULD YOU COME HELP ME CLEAN?
SENSEI, DO YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF?
I'D GO IF YOU WANT ME TO
Sensei, teach me how to do that ♡
me, too!
GOOD MORNING!
MORNING
Serious
HE'S A BIT QUIET, BUT HIS BEHAVIOR'S PRETTY NORMAL
SAKASHITA-SUBARU?
I'D SAY HE'S RATHER A CHEERFUL KID
YEAH
HE HATES? HUH?
SO I'M THE ONLY ONE

Midnight Haven

MASA-KI,
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL FROM THE POLICE STATION
OKAY
I'LL HAVE TO BUY SOME
BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY DARK COLORED CLOTHES
Will this shade of blue be okay?
DAMN I'M SICK OF THAT PRETTY BOY
FROM NOW ON I WON'T WEAR LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHES WHEN I'M GIVING LESSONS AT THE CLUB
HUH? POLICE..?
Police Station
NO I'M JUST A SUBST!
ARE THESE TWO YOUNG MEN YOUR STUDENTS? YOU'RE THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHER RIGHT?
OH THANKS FOR COMING
EXCUSE ME I'M A TEACHER FROM SUIMEI HIGH
SENSE!!

KAWATA-KUN AND I ARE ISHIKURA -SENSEI'S STUDENTS HE TEACHES CALLIGRAPHY
AH, THIS BOY'S THE ONE WHO IS ALWAYS WITH SAKASHITA...
CALLI-GRA-PHY...
That's stunning!
HIT
HUH? BUT KAWATA...
OUCH!
Eh?
BUMP
I'M SORRY!
I ONLY HAD YOUR CONTACT INFO AT HAND. THAT'S WHY THEY CALLED YOU!
ISHIKURA-SENSEI'S FROM THE HIYOSHI TEMPLE
A SUBST
EPP ACTUALLY I'M JUST
EH?
SENSEI, IT'S TRUE KAWATA DOESN'T GO TO THE CLUB THAT OFTEN BUT HE'S STILL YOUR STUDENT AFTER ALL
OH...
-YEAH
REALLY...?
I'M SORRY
SUCH A YOUNG SENSEI


HOW NICE YOU'RE WORKING AS A TEACHER
YOUR FATHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GREAT HELP
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
So, this is Ishikura-san...
Thank you
Pleasure's all mine
HOW ARE YOUR PARENTS?
FINE. THANK YOU
ALTHOUGH THAT'S ACTUALLY QUITE CONVENIENT
ANYTIME MY FATHER'S NAME IS BROUGHT UP, HIS HIGH STANDING AND REPUTATION COMES WITH IT...

HUH.
ISHIKURA FROM HIYOSHI TEMPLE?
THEN YOU'RE THE PRIEST'S SON?
YEAH

IS HE BOSSING ME AROUND?
PISSED
TOKI LIVES CLOSE TO IRIYAMA STATION DROP HIM OFF FIRST
AND YOU, SAKASHITA?

WE WERE TOLD THAT THESE KIDS WERE INVOLVED IN A FIGHT NEAR HERE

SAKURA STREET...

WHERE DO YOU KIDS LIVE? COME WITH ME. I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE

Manga Haven

OH THAT'S NEAR MY PLACE
SO, YOU'VE MET ME BEFORE?
THAT'S RIGHT
I USED TO GO TO THE TEMPLE TO PRACTICE KENDO
SENSEI CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT SCHOOL ABOUT US BEING HELD AT THE POLICE STATION
SAKASHITA.
IS THAT WHY YOU CALLED ME?
How trusting
DON'T WORRY YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG
I'LL TAKE CARE OF CONVINCING SENSEI
THAT'S WHY I TOLD TO YOU TO ESCAPE WITHOUT ME
sniff sniff
UGH
TOKI
DON'T CRY
What's this all about?
TOKI
I'm sorry, I'm so slow at running
I COULD NEVER ABANDON YOU LIKE THAT SUBARU
SOBS

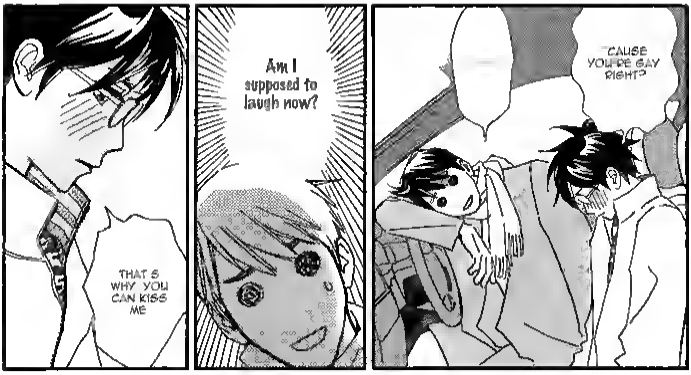
THE TEACHERS AREN'T DEMONS, YOU KNOW. SO IF YOU TELL THEM THE REASON JUST AS YOU'RE DOING WITH ME THEY'LL UNDERSTAND YOU.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S RIGHT TO HIDE AN INCIDENT WHERE THE POLICE GOT INVOLVED
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT COULDN'T YOU REACT DIFFERENTLY?
SUBARU HAS ALWAYS HAD STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE
WE SAW SOME GUYS THROWING STONES AT A KITTEN...
I WAS SO PISSED OFF THAT I THREW A STONE AT THEM.
NO WAY!
SUBARU DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME
TOKI, SHUT IT
BAM
TOKINARI'S A REGULAR IN A BASKETBALL CLUB
BUT BEING A FRESHMAN THE SOPHOMORES GIVE HIM HELL SO THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S HAD THIS SORT OF PROBLEMS IF THEY EVER FIND OUT HE'S BEEN TO THE POLICE STATION AGAIN HE'LL BE SUSPENDED
I UNDERSTAND...
SUGA-RU
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LEAVE IT TO ME

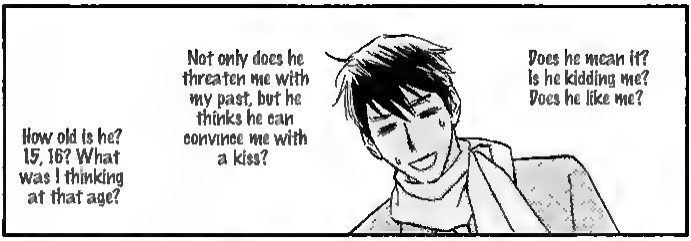
BRAKE
DO YOU REMEMBER SAKASHITA YURI? SHE'S MY OLDER SISTER
SENSEI
SHE TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT THE PRIEST'S SON WHO COULDN'T KEEP HIS HANDS OFF EVERY MIKO IN THE TEMPLE
YOU ARE QUITE POPULAR WITH WOMEN MY SISTER'S AGE...
That's dangerous
YOU'RE YURI'S YOUNGER BROTHER?
MY SISTER DOESN'T KNOW THAT I KNOW
But you two were really loud in that bedroom so I knew
WHAT SORT OF THINGS WAS SHE TELLING A GRADE SCHOOL BOY?!
WA AAA AAH
I ALSO KNOW MY SISTER HAD HER FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCE WITH YOU
65
NOW I GET WHY YOU HATE ME
ASHAMED
So embarrassing...
BACK WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT YOU HAD LONG BROWNISH HAIR...

I KNOW A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT COULD BRING YOU TROUBLE
SO THAT YOU WON'T RAT US OUT AT SCHOOL
I DON'T HATE YOU I'M JUST THREATENING YOU
He could have just asked without being impudent...
SO DO YOU THINK THAT HAVING DATED A LOT OF WOMEN IN THE PAST WOULD BRING ME TROUBLE?
I'M NEITHER BUYING SEX NOR COMMITTING ADULTERY
THAT WON'T COUNT AS A THREAT
THAT'S JUST
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE AN ADULT
HERE WE ARE GET OFF
brake

WITH THE KENDO SENSEI BEHIND THE TEMPLE
I SAW YOU ONCE
SUGA -PU?
BACK THEN, I DIDN'T GET WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT BUT
This brat..
THAT'S WHY
Thinks he's so clever
Asshole..

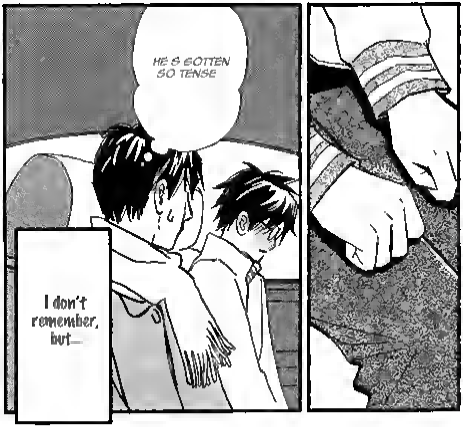
THAT'S WHY
KI...
Midnight Haven
He doesn't have a clue about life...
He's only a peeping asshole...
Kkaa?
BLUSH
DOOOM
KISS ME
KI...?
KI
KI
KI...

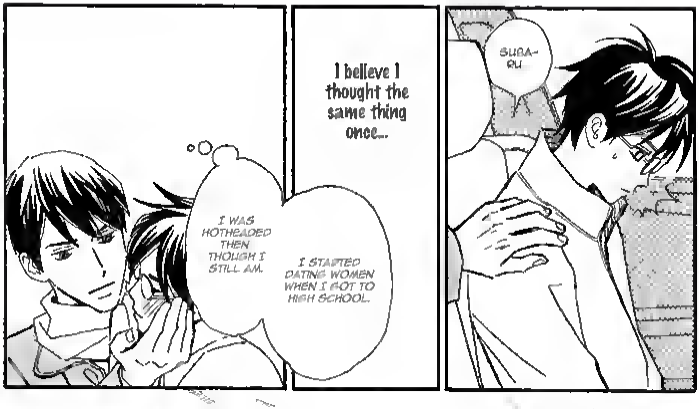




How old is he? 15, 16? What was I thinking at that age?
Not only does he threaten me with my past, but he thinks he can convince me with a kiss?
Does he mean it? Is he kidding me? Does he like me?

He's going all out for his friend,

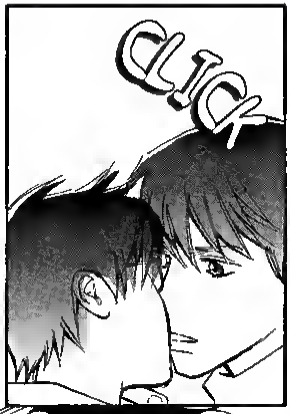
believing a kiss is such a big deal.




I WAS HOTHEADED THEN THOUGH I STILL AM.
I STARTED DATING WOMEN WHEN I GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL.
I believe I thought the same thing once...
SUGA-RU

Back when everything was new, I wonder if I felt the same as him. That a mysterious world, full of unknown emotions was hidden behind a simple kiss.

HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?
PIP
PIP
PIP
SAVE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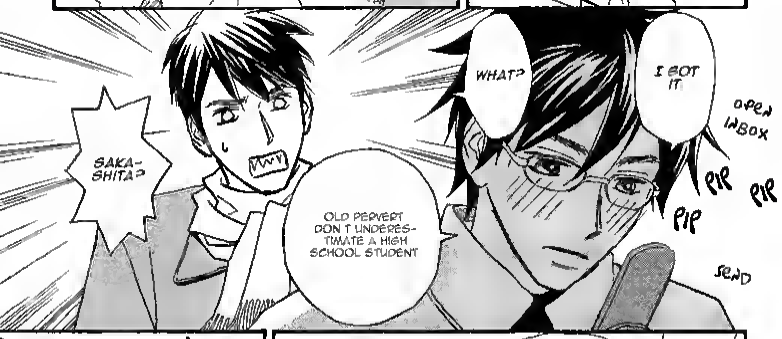
WHAT?
I GOT IT
OPEN INBOX
PIP
PIP
PIP
SEND
SAKA-SHITA?
OLD PERVERT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
HEY, SURA-RU!
BAM!

YOU BASTARD!
I'VE ALREADY SENT IT TO MY COMPUTER SO EVEN IF YOU DELETE IT, IT'S TOO LATE!
YOU IDIOT! I WASN'T GOING TO TELL ANYBODY! THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY!!

SUBARU CALM DOWN
LET'S TALK!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO OBEY ME!
YOU GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED MORON!
AND DON'T BE SUCH A PERVERT! IDIOT!!
STOP BEING SO SHAMELESS WITH WOMEN!
SLAM
I DON'T GET THIS AT ALL...